

1 require these things be sent at the closing table,  
2 then those would be something that may need to be  
3 filled in. Every investor, every lender is  
4 different."

5 THE WITNESS: Correct.

6 "Q And is this a document that you  
7 prepared?

8 "A Yes.

9 "Q And when did you prepare it?

10 "A I have no idea.

11 "Q At the bottom it has a mailed --  
12 "mailed" stamp.

13 "A Right.

14 "Q Is that your writing there?

15 "A It is. My scribbles. It was 12. 12-0  
16 maybe 12-0 or maybe 12-5 and then an '05.

17 "Q And is this something that you mailed to  
18 Brian Kitts?

19 "A Yeah. It's all -- this all would have  
20 been one packet that went out.

21 "Q Okay. And is it your testimony that the  
22 date on this is wrong as well?

23 "A Yes.

24 "Q It should have been '04?

25 "A Yes. Correct. That is my mistake."

1 Q. (BY MR. AFFLECK) Did I read that correctly?

2 A. Yes.

3 Q. Is that your testimony? Would that be your  
4 testimony --

5 A. No.

6 Q. -- today as well?

7 A. No. It would not.

8 Q. And how would you change your testimony today?

9 A. Because I can't tell you for sure that I don't --  
10 I have no recollection of actually doing these specific  
11 disclosures. I am assuming that I did. It was what was in  
12 my file. And I have no recollection of actually mailing  
13 these. I'm assuming that they were mailed on the dates in  
14 which they were stamped acknowledging the fact that there  
15 were errors on the dates on the stamp.

16 Q. Okay. So the testimony at your deposition you  
17 would say you remembered incorrectly at your deposition?

18 A. Can I take a moment to clarify?

19 Q. Absolutely.

20 A. Okay. If these were -- if these were file  
21 fillers, I can't speak to that. I know that this was in my  
22 file when we had given the packet of information to Fabian &  
23 Clendenin. Beyond that, I don't have specific recollection  
24 of actually being on the computer, doing these documents up,  
25 so I am making assumptions that these were documents that I

1 would have prepared.

2 Q. So your testimony --

3 A. And when, as I've indicated in my testimony, I  
4 don't know when I had prepared them.

5 Q. So your testimony that these were your scribbles,  
6 that you put the mailed stamp on --

7 A. I'm assuming so.

8 Q. -- and that you mailed it to Brian Kitts, is that  
9 correct or is that --

10 A. I'm making --

11 Q. -- also incorrect?

12 A. I'm making an assumption.

13 Q. You're making an assumption?

14 A. An assumption. I don't have recollection of  
15 actually doing that action.

16 Q. Are you changing your testimony that these are not  
17 your scribbles; the 12-5-05 to 12-29-0 --

18 A. I'm not changing my -- I'm not changing my  
19 testimony that those are not.

20 Q. So those are --

21 A. I'm -- I'm saying I don't have recollection of  
22 doing that.

23 Q. But testifying today, you look at the numbers that  
24 are scribbled in at the bottom, and the mailed stamp, and  
25 you have a recollection of doing that, and you recognize

1 those scribbles as your scribbles?

2 A. I recognize them as scribbles.

3 Q. In your deposition --

4 A. My -- and I'll -- and I'll speak further to that.

5 And after -- after having done my deposition, I realized  
6 that we have files within Citywide that everyone has access  
7 to, and those files, if certain things are missing from  
8 those files, any processor can, in fact, insert documents  
9 into those files as a matter of compliance.

10 If they would have done that, they would not have  
11 known that this was a private money loan. They would have  
12 seen that I had information on a borrower and had -- and  
13 could have, perhaps, put disclosures in for compliance  
14 purposes. What I'm saying here is I don't actually recall  
15 doing this document.

16 Q. Have -- have you discussed with anyone the  
17 deposition of the Kalix representative in this case?

18 A. No.

19 Q. If you would look --

20 A. I didn't know you had a Kalix representative here.

21 Q. I don't.

22 A. Okay.

23 Q. They -- their testimony was taken by deposition.

24 A. Okay.

25 Q. If you will turn to Exhibit 7, Winterfox No. 12.

1 A. I'm sorry. Could you repeat that. The number.

2 Q. Winterfox 12.

3 A. Okay.

4 Q. You see the mailed stamp at the bottom right-hand  
5 corner?

6 A. I'm sorry. Maybe I have the wrong page. No. 12?

7 Q. Yes. It should say WF 00012. In Exhibit 7.

8 A. Okay. I -- oh. I apologize. I went to tab 12.

9 Q. And these are just the disclosures for the first  
10 loan.

11 A. Okay.

12 Q. Now, that mailed --

13 A. I'm there.

14 Q. The mailed stamp there says 12-5-05. Your  
15 testimony would be it was 12-5-04. Correct?

16 A. I'm testifying that's what the stamp says is  
17 12-5-05, and I believe that the stamp is incorrect.

18 Q. That it should have been 12-5-04?

19 A. Um --

20 Q. That was your testimony, right; that it was just a  
21 mistake?

22 A. Right. Well, obviously. There are -- there are  
23 multiple inaccuracies as far as the dates on the mailed-to  
24 stamps.

25 Q. Okay. Now, right in that form, or right where

1 that mailed stamp is, it says "Kalix Form Privacy 6/05."

2 A. Uh-huh.

3 Q. Do you know what that refers to?

4 A. That was probably -- 6-5-05 was maybe the Kalix  
5 Point version that was out when the disclosures -- when  
6 these disclosures were done.

7 Q. And have you -- has that been brought to your  
8 attention since you testified in your deposition?

9 A. No. Looking at it now, I can see that's probably  
10 the current -- or the current program that these were done  
11 on.

12 Q. Now if you'll look at Exhibit 8, Winterfox 34.  
13 This is the same private policy disclosure that was done in  
14 the first loan for the second loan. It has a mailed stamp  
15 12-29-05, and your testimony is that that would be a  
16 mistake; it should have been '04. Right?

17 A. I'm saying that it's incorrect.

18 Q. Right. That it should have been '04, not '05,  
19 when it was mailed?

20 A. I'm saying it was stamped definitely incorrect.

21 Q. The stamp is definitely correct?

22 A. Incorrect.

23 Q. Oh. Incorrect. And it should have been '04?

24 What is incorrect about the stamp? The '04 date or the --

25 A. The '05 date?

1 Q. -- the '05 date?

2 Yes. It should have been '04?

3 A. Yes. That's when the loans were done. It  
4 should -- it should have been '04. The version here is  
5 saying 6 of '05.

6 Q. No further questions.

7 CROSS EXAMINATION +

8 BY MS. BOULEY:

9 Q. Good morning, Ms. Fields.

10 A. Good morning.

11 Q. You -- you testified a little earlier about the  
12 origination process of this loan from Winterfox. Did  
13 Winterfox seek out Mr. Kitts for the loan?

14 A. No. We wouldn't -- we wouldn't have known  
15 Mr. Kitts.

16 Q. So would you say, then, that Winterfox did not  
17 originate this loan?

18 A. No. Absolutely not.

19 Q. And looking at Exhibit 7 and 8 --

20 A. Are you talking tab 7 and 8?

21 Q. Yes. Exhibit, right, tab 7 and 8. You were asked  
22 about what looked like, perhaps, I think Mr. Affleck  
23 suggested a partial zero and a date prepared --

24 A. Yeah.

25 Q. -- slot.

1 Do you know how many copies removed these copies  
2 are, Exhibit 7 and 8, from the originals?

3 A. Many. Many, many, many, many, I'm sure. I -- I  
4 can't -- I can't -- I have no idea, obviously, by the time  
5 it got through multiple sources, how many -- how many copies  
6 could have been produced or faxed, for that matter. And, as  
7 you know, when things are copied, there are marks that  
8 appear on -- on documents.

9 Q. All right. And isn't it true as well that  
10 sometimes other portions of the document are obscured when  
11 they're copied?

12 A. Absolutely.

13 Q. But, again, you don't know what that mark is in  
14 the "Date Prepared?"

15 A. I don't. I do not.

16 Q. And when you spoke with Brian Kitts in the Spring  
17 of 2005, were you under any obligation by Winterfox to give  
18 him a call that day?

19 A. No.

20 Q. Was that something you just did on your own to  
21 help out?

22 A. Yes. I don't know if it helped or not, but it was  
23 something that I did on my own.

24 Q. And with regard to the statement that -- that was  
25 read to you from your deposition that Kitts should have been



1 able to qualify for financing, do you know what that was  
2 based upon?

3 A. The information that I had in evaluating what the  
4 exit strategy was was that Michael Falk had brokered this  
5 loan to multiple conventional lending sources and had had  
6 Brian pre-approved with multiple lenders, and it was a  
7 question of timing. I recall having a conversation about  
8 the pre-approvals, I believe with Aaron Olivarez, that they  
9 were good pre-approvals, and those, again, came from Michael  
10 Falk and his work as a loan officer for Brian Kitts which I  
11 understood Brian Kitts had Michael Falk do multiple loans  
12 for him over the years. So they -- Michael knew Brian  
13 Kitts' credit and ability to qualify for a loan well, and we  
14 trusted that.

15 The documentation that I was told had been  
16 reviewed had every indication that Brian Kitts would qualify  
17 for conventional financing to be able to pay this off.

18 Q. And, I'm sorry, that was the documentation that  
19 you yourself reviewed or that you -- or was it documentation  
20 you were told about?

21 A. I believe that I had reviewed the documentation  
22 myself.

23 Q. Was that in the Spring of 2005?

24 A. I don't believe it was in the Spring of '05  
25 because the loan was done -- both of the loans were done

1 very quickly. I don't think that we had a lot of time in  
2 order to make the decision.

3 The loans were actually closed towards the end of  
4 the year, so it would have been within -- within a couple of  
5 weeks of the loans actually closing and funding that we  
6 would have -- that we would have considered the -- the --  
7 the -- the worthiness of the -- of the ability for Brian to  
8 pay it back. I think Spring would have been early. I do  
9 believe at the time I -- I -- and -- well, I won't  
10 speculate.

11 Q. And were these pre-approvals from conventional  
12 lenders?

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. Okay. And did the conventional lenders require  
15 that the property be out of foreclosure before they would  
16 lend to Mr. Kitts? Do you recall or do you know?

17 A. I don't recall.

18 Q. But by late March or April or sometime -- when, in  
19 the Spring, did you speak with Mr. Kitts?

20 A. When did I speak with Mr. Kitts?

21 Q. Yes.

22 A. It would have been probably Spring of the year  
23 after we did the loan, so probably Spring, I believe, of  
24 '05.

25 Q. Okay. And at that point, Mr. Kitts did not have

1 another loan. Is that correct?

2 A. Correct.

3 MS. BOULEY: Your Honor, may I have just one moment?

4 THE COURT: You may.

5 MS. BOULEY: Okay. No further questions, Your Honor,  
6 at this time. Thanks.

7 MR. AFFLECK: Your Honor, we have subpoenaed a -- we  
8 have no further questions of Ms. Fields.

9 THE COURT: All right, ma'am. You may step down.

10 MR. AFFLECK: And, for us, she may be excused.

11 MS. BOULEY: For us as well, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: All right. Thank you for your testimony,  
13 ma'am.

14 MR. AFFLECK: The Trustee has subpoenaed a  
15 representative of Deer Creek Title for the purpose of laying  
16 foundation for a document that we wish to have received by  
17 the Court in this case. I understand that they've had some  
18 problems getting down here.

19 The Trustee is, at this juncture, prepared to rest  
20 subject to the opportunity to call the Deer Creek Title  
21 witness for the purpose of laying foundation for that  
22 document, and I would ask the Court to simply, instead of  
23 postponing the trial, allowing the Trustee to call that  
24 witness when she arrives in court.

25 THE COURT: Do you have any idea when that will occur?

1 MR. AFFLECK: I had assumed that she would be here this  
2 morning.

3 THE COURT: All right. So --

4 MR. AFFLECK: Just a moment, Your Honor. Mr. Millar  
5 informs me that he's had a conversation with her that she is  
6 going to try to be here at 1:00, and that she is also under  
7 subpoena by Winterfox.

8 THE COURT: All right. You're ready to rest at this  
9 point, but for that witness?

10 MR. AFFLECK: Yes, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: All right. We'll call that witness, then,  
12 when the weather permits her to be here.

13 MS. BOULEY: Your Honor, can we just ask what document  
14 it is that they need to have authenticated.

15 MR. AFFLECK: The document is Exhibit 59B. This is  
16 a -- a copy of 59A that Mr. Kent Plott testified to and was  
17 received by the Court. 59B includes notes of Deer Creek  
18 Title relating to interest between the time of the payoff  
19 and the actual payoff that was incurred, and that's the  
20 purpose that we want that witness and that exhibit.

21 In addition, Your Honor, we would like to ask Deer  
22 Creek two other questions. Whether they prepared the trust  
23 deed notes between the lender and the borrower and where  
24 they got the information to prepare the title insurance  
25 policy.

1 MS. BOULEY: Okay. Thank you.

2 THE COURT: All right. Do you have witnesses that you  
3 wish to present?

4 MR. JUBBER: Your Honor, we have a motion under Rule  
5 52C we would wish to --

6 THE COURT: All right.

7 MR. JUBBER: And now that the Plaintiff has been fully  
8 heard subject to this limitation, Winterfox would move for a  
9 Judgment On Partial Findings pursuant to Rule 52C made  
10 applicable pursuant to Rule 7052.

11 Winterfox submits that the Plaintiff has failed to meet  
12 his burden on several issues. First, the Trustee has failed  
13 to show that this was a loan primarily for personal, family,  
14 and household purposes. Rather, the purpose of the loan,  
15 we'd submit, Your Honor, was to save a Sun Peak asset, a  
16 corporate asset, from foreclosure.

17 The evidence that the loan was intended to save a Sun  
18 Peak asset from foreclosure is very clear. It also is very  
19 clear that Sun Peak owned the property at the time and owned  
20 it for at least 14 months prior to this loan. It listed the  
21 property as its principal asset on Sun Peak's bankruptcy  
22 schedules when it filed its Chapter 11 petition in  
23 October -- on October 1st, 2003.

24 The schedule signed under oath by Mr. Kitts stated that  
25 Sun Peak owned the property in fee simple. The property was

1 listed on all Sun Peak's monthly financial reports filed in  
2 the Chapter 11 case, reports prepared by Mr. Kitts. The  
3 narratives for several of those reports, Exhibits 578, 579  
4 and 580, speak of Sun Peak obtaining a mortgage secured by  
5 the property.

6 After the Sun Peak bankruptcy case was dismissed, Sun  
7 Peak used the property as collateral to get a loan in its  
8 own name from the Utah Mortgage Center. Mr. Kitts held out  
9 the property as a Sun Peak asset. For him to claim and for  
10 the Trustee, claiming through him, that Sun Peak never owned  
11 the property, as he did on the stand, is simply not true.  
12 Thus, when Washington Mutual and Wells Fargo began  
13 foreclosure proceedings in the Fall of 2004, it was a Sun  
14 Peak asset that was threatened. The purpose of the loan was  
15 to save a Sun Peak asset.

16 The fact that it was a corporate asset is further  
17 evidenced by the fact that after the Winterfox trust deed  
18 was recorded, the property was immediately transferred back  
19 to Sun Peak and record title remained with Sun Peak until  
20 June of 2005, after the petition date in this case. The  
21 Trustee and Mr. Kitts are attempting to have the Court  
22 believe that Sun Peak essentially never existed, to ignore  
23 the corporate form and collapse Sun Peak into Mr. Kitts.  
24 But, as I noted, the Trustee stands in the shoes of  
25 Mr. Kitts, and Mr. Kitts can't hold out the property as a

1 corporate asset and also claim it as personal. He can't  
2 have it both ways.

3 Second, Your Honor, we'd submit the Trustee has failed  
4 to prove that the loan proceeds were used primarily to pay  
5 consumer-related debt. The uncontroverted facts in  
6 Pre-Trial Order No. 16 states that the only -- the only  
7 allocations that are in dispute in this lawsuit are with  
8 respect to No. 1, the Ed Ingram judgment, the Washington  
9 Mutual obligation, and the Wells Fargo obligation. As to  
10 the Ed Ingram judgment, it is clear on the face of the  
11 judgment itself, Exhibit 509, that this was a corporate debt  
12 of Sun Peak's. The judgment ran against Sun Peak. Sun Peak  
13 is expressly named as a Judgment Debtor. The work done by  
14 Mr. Ingram was done when Sun Peak owned the property. Thus,  
15 the payment of this judgment from the Winterfox proceeds was  
16 a payment of a business debt.

17 On page 25 and 26 of the trial -- of the Trustee's  
18 trial brief, the Trustee uses a chart of personal versus  
19 business-related disbursements of the Winterfox proceeds and  
20 he puts the payment of this -- of the Ed Ingram judgment,  
21 approximately \$113,000, in the personal column. Just moving  
22 that one entry from personal to business changes the  
23 percentage so that the disbursements for business are then  
24 approximately 54 percent for business and about 46 percent  
25 for the personal. That is just moving the one entry.

1 However, there's several others.

2 As to Washington Mutual and Wells Fargo, Your  
3 Honor, I have prepared demonstrative exhibits, if I may  
4 approach.

5 THE COURT: You may.

6 MR. JUBBER: Solely for argument, Your Honor, but we  
7 would -- in reviewing these exhibits, first for the  
8 Washington Mutual disbursements, the first -- the first page  
9 or the first one of these three, and, secondly, for the  
10 Wells Fargo and, finally, a summary that relates to the  
11 allocations similar to what the Trustee did.

12 Turning first to the Washington Mutual disbursements  
13 exhibit, Your Honor, this is taken from Exhibit 19 and 72A.  
14 The property taxes -- well, first of all, the first two  
15 entries under the subheading paragraph 1, Escrow  
16 Specialists, for the amount of \$116,500 and 117,500, those  
17 are not disputed as being business related.

18 The third, property taxes for 2001, 9,566.30, now those  
19 were incurred when property was owned by Sun Peak and, as  
20 such, we would submit, Your Honor, are -- is a  
21 business-related expenditure. Also, the Station Loop  
22 property. The Station Loop Road property, 277,000. That  
23 was purchased with money taken out of the subject property  
24 when Sun Peak owned it. It was -- was the investment  
25 property for the Kitts. The testimony of the court is heard



1 with regard to the claim that was -- that was the Kitts made  
2 with respect to that property evidences fact that it was an  
3 investment property.

4 Finally, the improvements. And this is from Exhibit  
5 72A. Those where there's no entry with respect to the  
6 description we put over on the side B or U, either business  
7 or unidentified. Those others are business-related. Again,  
8 expenditures and improvements that were done on the property  
9 when Sun Peak owned it. They total -- the total of those,  
10 conceded and not conceded, are approximately \$45,000. If  
11 you add up the two sections, Your Honor, it comes to  
12 \$565,000. Using those figures, the amount of the Washington  
13 Mutual disbursements totals approximately 95 percent versus  
14 5 percent that were personal.

15 Turning to the Wells Fargo disbursement analysis, those  
16 that are unidentified are business related, \$41,000. Again,  
17 these are -- these are conceded by the Trustee. The Court  
18 might recall that Mr. Affleck conceded conceptually that  
19 mortgage payments that were made on Washington Mutual from  
20 the Wells Fargo money should be prorated. Prorated  
21 according to the 95 percent, Your Honor, it comes to \$11,200  
22 of those expenditures should be prorated as business. Also,  
23 Your Honor, in paragraph 3, which is significant, these are  
24 \$65,000 from the Wells Fargo that went into the Sun Peak  
25 account. \$65,000 is clearly business related.

1 Disbursements from the Zions Bank that are business related,  
2 again, conceded by the Trustee, one of them being, again, a  
3 mortgage payment that should be prorated according to the  
4 same percentages.

5 Finally, from Exhibit 77, again, conceded by the  
6 Trustee, a total of \$45,000. Adding all those up, you get  
7 \$170,000. Using that number in the -- in the chart comes  
8 out with a percentage of 55.9 related to business, 44.1  
9 related to personal. Using those figures from Washington  
10 Mutual, from the Wells Fargo and, also, from the Ed Ingram  
11 judgment, the final exhibit, Your Honor, is a disbursement  
12 summary of the Winterfox loan that works out 86 percent for  
13 business-related and only 14 percent for personal. The  
14 Trustee has failed to meet his burden of proof, and this is  
15 taken from -- from their exhibits.

16 Third, Your Honor, the Trustee has failed to prove that  
17 the loan was originated by Winterfox. There's no evidence  
18 to support that finding. The only evidence is to the  
19 contrary. The loan was not originated by Winterfox.  
20 Rather, the evidence from both Mr. Bybee, Mr. Olivarez,  
21 Ms. Fields said Winterfox was approached by Michael Falk on  
22 behalf of Mr. Kitts. Winterfox was not out originating or  
23 seeking to make the loan. The word originate in the statute  
24 means something more than simply making a loan. We submit  
25 that TILA is intended to regulate lenders who are out

1 initiating loans, soliciting borrowers. Winterfox did none  
2 of that.

3 Fourth, Your Honor, the statute also requires that the  
4 loan be originated through a mortgage broker. Mr. Falk has  
5 been conspicuously absent in these proceedings. The Trustee  
6 has the burden and has not produced Mr. Falk to state that  
7 he was a mortgage broker or to explain what he did. The  
8 only evidence on that point is that he was not a mortgage  
9 broker at the time because he was not licensed from May 2004  
10 to December 2004. Mr. Olivarez testified that he was a loan  
11 consultant for Winterfox, not a broker, and the Trustee has  
12 failed to prove his -- satisfy his burden of proof with  
13 respect to this element as well.

14 Based upon that failure, Your Honor, we would submit  
15 that he has failed to satisfy his burden of proof on key  
16 elements of his claim, and we would -- on that basis, a  
17 judgment on partial findings, we'd submit, is appropriate  
18 dismissing this claim with prejudice. Further, we would  
19 submit, Your Honor, that under Rule 52C, that if the Court  
20 finds that TILA does apply, that the Trustee has failed to  
21 prove damages under both 1640 -- 1640(a)(1) and 1640(a)(4).

22 First, as to actual damages. The Trustee has not shown  
23 that Mr. Kitts detrimentally relied. The evidence, again,  
24 is to the contrary. Mr. Kitts testified that he never read  
25 the Winterfox loan documents. Furthermore, the Trustee has

1 not shown that there was any other loan available. The idea  
2 that he might have been able to obtain another loan is pure  
3 speculation. The Trustee has not produced any evidence of  
4 any alternative loan. In fact, the Trustee testified  
5 that -- excuse me. Mr. Kitts testified that he was in a  
6 panic because there were no other loans available. There  
7 were no actual damages.

8 Finally, Your Honor, as to finance charges and fees,  
9 the only evidence is that Mr. Kitts testified that he did  
10 not come out-of-pocket for anything at the closing, and the  
11 unconverted facts state that he has not paid anything since.  
12 Section 1640(a)(4) requires that the amounts be paid by the  
13 consumer. The Trustee has failed to show that Mr. Kitts  
14 paid anything and, accordingly, there are no damages under  
15 1640(a)(4) either.

16 We would ask for judgment on partial findings on those  
17 six points, Your Honor. Thank you.

18 THE COURT: Mr. Affleck.

19 MR. AFFLECK: TILA applies to a loan that is primarily  
20 for consumer purposes which is family, personal or household  
21 purposes. The Trustee has presented sufficient evidence to  
22 show that this loan was primarily for personal, family or  
23 household purposes. There are several important facts that  
24 have been shown.

25 Number one, the loan was to an individual. Number two,

1 the loan was secured by residential property. Number three,  
2 the residential property was the borrower's principal  
3 dwelling. Number four, the trust deed prepared by the  
4 lender, or at the lender's direction, was in the name of the  
5 individual borrower indicating the borrower's legal and  
6 equitable ownership of the property at the time the loans  
7 were made. Five, there were three liens in the process of  
8 foreclosure. Six, the borrower -- the borrower was in a  
9 panic to refinance and prevent the loss of his family home.  
10 Seven, the foreclosing liens were all obtained by the  
11 borrower or his spouse individually for primarily personal,  
12 household or family purposes.

13 Those are set forth in the summaries that have been  
14 received by this Court of the proceeds of the Washington  
15 Mutual loan, the Wells Fargo loan, and the Ed Ingram  
16 mechanic's lien which was a mechanic's lien that was put on  
17 the home based on an oral contract between Ed Ingram and  
18 Brian Kitts to make an addition of a garage to their home.

19 Eight, notwithstanding Winterfox's calculation of the  
20 amounts, more than 55 percent of the proceeds of the loan  
21 was actually used for personal, family or household  
22 purposes. Of these facts, Your Honor, the most important  
23 fact is the borrower's motivation for getting this loan. In  
24 Anderson vs. Lumber -- or Anderson vs. Lester, which is a  
25 1980 case out of Louisiana interpreting the TILA provisions,

1 the question in that case was whether the borrower got a  
2 business loan or a consumer loan. The Debtor was a sole  
3 proprietor, he had a trucking business and it had a lot of  
4 debts, and one of those debts had been reduced to a  
5 judgment, and the judgment creditor took a Judgment Debtor's  
6 Examination of the Debtor and said we're going to take your  
7 house. We're going to seize your home.

8 The Debtor was in a panic that he might lose his home,  
9 so he went out and he got a loan to pay off business debts,  
10 debts that had been incurred through his business, through  
11 his trucking business, so that those business debts would  
12 not threaten his home. Even though the Debtor paid business  
13 debts with that loan, the Court found that the purpose was  
14 to save the home from foreclosure which was a personal,  
15 family or household purpose.

16 Anderson vs. Lester is also reflected in the case of  
17 Dawson vs. Thomas. That's a 2008 case decided by a  
18 bankruptcy court in the -- in Washington, DC. The facts are  
19 the same. The Debtor was about to lose her home through a  
20 foreclosure. She got a loan to save the house from  
21 foreclosure, from being lost. The Court did not discuss the  
22 underlying character of the debt that was paid off.  
23 Instead, the Court found that to save one's home from a  
24 foreclosure -- to get a loan to refinance to save a home  
25 from being foreclosed and lost is a personal, family,

1 household purpose. The Court didn't even discuss what the  
2 nature of the loans, the underlying foreclosing loans were.

3 In addition, Your Honor, in that case the Debtor had  
4 filled out a statement at closing indicating that the loan  
5 was for a business purpose. Business and investment  
6 purpose. Notwithstanding that fact, the Court said this was  
7 a consumer purpose to save the home from foreclosure. She  
8 was living there, the loan was to her, and it was to save a  
9 place to live.

10 Where the motivation of a Debtor or a borrower under a  
11 refinance transaction is to save a home from foreclosure,  
12 from being lost, no Court interpreting TILA has held that  
13 the purpose was anything other than a consumer purpose. On  
14 that fact alone, and on that law alone, this Court may  
15 determine that this loan that Mr. Kitts was getting in a  
16 panic to save a place for he and his family to live was a  
17 consumer loan.

18 Now, of secondary importance, Your Honor, is the use of  
19 the money. Sometimes a refinance -- sometimes a borrower  
20 will get a refinance not for the purpose of saving a home  
21 from foreclosure, but just to get a better interest rate or  
22 to get some extra cash. That happens. In such  
23 circumstances where motivation -- where the motivation of  
24 the Debtor is not made obvious by the circumstances, Courts  
25 look at the uses of the money. And when the money is used

1 to pay existing liens, it is the original character of these  
2 liens that governs. Now, here, Your Honor, the evidence,  
3 the Trustee would submit, shows at least a 55-45 allocation  
4 of those uses. 55 percent for consumer purposes, 45 percent  
5 for business purposes or purposes that we could not discover  
6 from the facts.

7 Now, Winterfox argues that title is very important in  
8 this case; that since the title was in Winterfox's name, and  
9 it was. It's undisputed. But before the loan was made and  
10 after the loan was made, title was in Sun Peak. But title  
11 to the property does not make the purpose -- who holds title  
12 does not make the purpose of the loan consumer or business.  
13 It's not relevant. Or, at least, it's not very relevant.

14 If Winterfox believed that the loan was to Sun Peak and  
15 that Sun Peak owned the home, which is what it has argued in  
16 its trial brief, and I think in this Rule 52 Motion today,  
17 it would have prepared different documents. It had a title  
18 report that showed that the property was in -- the legal  
19 title to the property was in Sun Peak's name. Why was the  
20 loan agreement drawn up in the Debtor's name by Winterfox?  
21 Why were the trust deed notes in Brian Kitts' name  
22 individually? Why were the trust deeds in Brian Kitts' name  
23 individually? It's because Winterfox understood that Brian  
24 Kitts was the true owner of this property notwithstanding  
25 who was on legal title.



1 Also, title is not controlling under TILA. Title is  
2 very important in bankruptcy cases. We get used to it.  
3 There are certain powers that a Trustee has of a  
4 hypothetical bonafide purchaser, so title for bankruptcy  
5 attorneys, for bankruptcy judges is very important to  
6 determine rights under bankruptcy laws. But this isn't a  
7 bankruptcy law question. It is a Truth In Lending Act  
8 question. And under the Truth In Lending Act, what is  
9 important is the purpose.

10 The purpose of the loan is not defined by who has  
11 title. If there is an office building that is used as an  
12 office building and it is in the name of a consumer,  
13 borrower, and the borrower borrows on that, the fact that  
14 the office building is titled in the Debtor's name or, yeah,  
15 the fact that the office building is titled in the Debtor's  
16 name does not mean that the office building is his personal  
17 residence. And it doesn't make the purpose of the loan a  
18 consumer loan.

19 If you turn that around, residential property is not  
20 business property merely because it is titled in the name of  
21 a business that is owned wholly by the Debtor and his  
22 spouse. The thing that defines property as business or  
23 consumer property is its use, and the undisputed fact are  
24 that this property was used as Brian Kitts' home, the home  
25 of his family, where they ate their meals, spent their

1 holidays, did their homework from 1998 to today.

2 Under section 1602(a) of TILA, this is the definition  
3 or the provision that defines a high-cost mortgage loan.  
4 One of these loans, a high-cost consumer mortgage loan, is  
5 defined as a credit transaction "that is secured by the  
6 consumer's principal dwelling." I think it's significant  
7 under TILA that it doesn't say secured by property that the  
8 consumer has legal title to. It is secured by the  
9 consumer's principal dwelling. Dwelling is defined in TILA  
10 under section 1602(v) as "a residential structure or a  
11 mobile home that contains one to four family housing units."

12 Nowhere in TILA is legal title made a distinction. If  
13 legal title is relevant in this case, it's only relevant to  
14 show what the purpose of the loan was or the purpose or use  
15 of the home as collateral, and the undisputed facts are this  
16 is where they lived. And the loans that were obtained  
17 against the property, the loans that were obtained in  
18 Brian's individual name and in Brian and Laurie's individual  
19 name, and the Ed Ingram lien was obtained by a contract  
20 between Brian Kitts and Ed Ingram.

21 Now, Winterfox, I think, would like to have this Court  
22 decide the question based on their collective understanding  
23 that the loan was a business purpose loan, that the team,  
24 the Winterfox team, of George Bybee and Aaron Olivarez and  
25 Marco Fields, since they believed it was a business loan, it

1 must be a business loan. Well, first of all, what their  
2 understanding is is not relevant under TILA. It is not a  
3 defense to a TILA action. Number two, their testimony is  
4 based on hearsay. Number three, it is contradicted by their  
5 conduct in this case.

6 The Winterfox team of Aaron Olivarez, Marco Fields and  
7 George Bybee did approximately six loans for Winterfox in  
8 2002. Or between 2003 and 2004. They were all business  
9 loans. And in the documents that they produced to the  
10 Trustee in this case, there wasn't a single instance where a  
11 TILA disclosure was given. The only TILA disclosure that  
12 was given on any loan that Winterfox made was this one to  
13 Brian Kitts.

14 In the 10th Circuit case of Gallegos, the 10th Circuit  
15 said that when a creditor gives a TILA disclosure, it is an  
16 indication, it is evidence that the loan was a consumer  
17 loan. Certainly that's not conclusive evidence, but it is  
18 evidence. And in this case Winterfox gave that. But  
19 there's more to it than that, Your Honor. Here the manner  
20 in which the disclosures and notices were given in this case  
21 is doubly persuasive as to the consumer nature of this loan.

22 TILA disclosures and notices are required to be given  
23 before -- shortly before and shortly after a loan is made.  
24 The evidence in this case, Trustee submits, is absolutely  
25 clear that the TILA disclosures that were given in this case

1 were not made or mailed to Brian Kitts on December 4th, or  
2 December 5th, 2004, or December 29th, 2004. The disclosures  
3 and notices were made up. They were made up after a demand  
4 by Mr. Kitts' counsel to see them. Where are they. Show  
5 them to us. We'll get them for you. The Trustee submits  
6 that the evidence strongly suggests that that is the time  
7 that these TILA disclosures were created. It is proved, to  
8 the extent it can be proved, by witnesses who will not tell  
9 the truth by the Kalix deposition.

10 In the Kalix deposition, Kalix testified that the forms  
11 that were used by Winterfox, and supposedly sent to the  
12 Debtor in December 2004, didn't even exist until June 2005.  
13 The Court saw those documents today when we looked at --  
14 when Marco Fields was on the witness stand, who testified to  
15 you that she mailed the documents in 12 -- in December '04.  
16 Right there on the document, right in front of her face was  
17 the 06/05 form date that Kalix had prepared.

18 Each member of the Winterfox team has moreover perjured  
19 themselves in this case with respect to this important fact.  
20 Evan Bybee signed responses to interrogatories that are  
21 Exhibit 10 under oath that the disclosures identified as  
22 Exhibit 7 and 8 were sent in December 2004. That is false.  
23 Marco Fields testified that she created and mailed them,  
24 mailed those forms in December 2004. That is false. Aaron  
25 Olivarez testified that Marco Fields called him when she

1 sent them in December 2004. That is false, because they had  
2 never been sent.

3 Why would the Winterfox team falsify evidence and  
4 perjure themselves on this issue? The only conclusion is  
5 that they knew it was a consumer purpose loan. They had a  
6 loan application filled out by Brian Kitts that would have  
7 indicated the purpose of the loan. Mr. Olivarez testified  
8 that he reviewed that and had it and it was part of the  
9 Winterfox loan documents that have not been produced in this  
10 case. For the reason that Winterfox committed fraud on this  
11 Court, it is sufficient justification, the Trustee submits,  
12 by itself to reject Winterfox's argument that the loans were  
13 business purpose loans. Their fraudulent acts speak much  
14 louder than their self-serving testimony and their  
15 arguments, legal arguments to the Court.

16 Now, Winterfox also claims that it's not a creditor in  
17 this case. To be covered by TILA, you must be a creditor.  
18 Usually a creditor is someone who makes a lot of consumer  
19 loans. Winterfox doesn't. In fact, I think the evidence  
20 has come on that it has only made one or two, if the loans  
21 in this transaction are treated as two loans instead of one.  
22 But when a lender makes a high-cost mortgage loan and the  
23 lender uses a mortgage broker, it is covered by TILA.

24 Did Winterfox use a mortgage broker? I think the best  
25 argument for that is Aaron Olivarez's own testimony where we

1 went over the trial brief that was filed by Winterfox and we  
2 looked at each fact in the I think it was called the Hodges  
3 case. Did you introduce the borrower and the lender? Yes.  
4 Although, Mr. Olivarez would say he didn't introduce them  
5 because he was Winterfox or he was working for Winterfox.  
6 Did he prepare the loan documents? Well, he testified that  
7 he did in his deposition. He recanted on that in -- in  
8 court, but he finally admitted that at least he prepared all  
9 of the information from which that documentation was  
10 prepared.

11 Did he check on the value of the property for the  
12 borrower? Yes. He did a site inspection visit. Did he  
13 assist in getting title insurance for the lender? Yes. He  
14 attended the closing, he negotiated the terms of the loans.  
15 Those were all facts that were used in the Hodges case and  
16 that were relied on by the Court in the Hodges case to  
17 determine that the loan was originated by a mortgage broker.

18 Was the loan a high-cost mortgage? High-cost mortgage  
19 is defined under section 1602(a)(a). It is a loan secured  
20 by the consumer's dwelling that is more than 10 percent  
21 above the yield on treasury securities with comparable  
22 maturity dates within a month\* before the -- or the month  
23 before the loan application is received. We have put in  
24 evidence that the term of this loan was 75 days.

25 The exhibits that we have provided to the Court

1 indicate that the treasury yield on securities for that  
2 period of time, 60 to 90 days, is less than 2 percent. What  
3 that means is that this loan qualifies -- both loans qualify  
4 as high-cost mortgage loans, even if the APR in the loans  
5 were only 12 percent. But the APR is not 12 percent for the  
6 first loan. It is in excess of 70 percent. The second  
7 loan, I believe Mr. Haertel's testimony was that it was 47  
8 percent.

9 Since TILA applies and the disclosures -- since TILA  
10 does apply, the disclosures and notices were required. They  
11 were never mailed. The APR which was required to be  
12 disclosed but were prepared in the false documents, but they  
13 were wrong. The three-day right of rescission was not  
14 included in the documents that they prepared. The notices  
15 required under 1639 for high-cost mortgage loans totally  
16 absent.

17 Damages under TILA are designed to be punitive to  
18 ensure that borrowers have the ability to bring these  
19 actions when there is a violation. There are four  
20 categories. Actual, statutory, attorney's fees, and finance  
21 charges. The statutory damages is \$4,000 per loan. The  
22 Trustee doesn't need to prove any facts relating to those  
23 damages except that there were two loans. And this Court  
24 may determine that it was one loan, it may determine that it  
25 was two loans. To us it looks like two loans.

1 Actual damages are the difference between the loan that  
2 the Debtor got and the loan that the Debtor could have got  
3 if he had been given the disclosures, if he had been able to  
4 compare the APR of the loan that he got with APRs of other  
5 loans. Winterfox claims that the Debtor could not have  
6 relied on anything because he didn't read the loan  
7 documents. Well, the loan documents are not the TILA  
8 disclosures. The loan documents don't tell a Debtor -- a  
9 borrower what the APR is. They don't provide the Debtor with  
10 notice of the right of rescission. They don't provide the  
11 borrower with the 1639 -- Section 1639 extra notices that  
12 are given for high-cost mortgages.

13 Mr. Kitts testified that had he understood that the APR  
14 under these loans was 72 and 47 percent, he would have  
15 looked elsewhere. The testimony of Mr. Haertel in this case  
16 establishes that Mr. Kitts could have shopped this loan  
17 successfully and obtained another hard-money loan and,  
18 perhaps, even a sub-prime loan.

19 Testimony of Aaron Olivarez and Marco Fields which you  
20 heard today emphasizes that Mr. Kitts was someone who could  
21 qualify for a sub-prime loan. Why didn't he get one?  
22 Because after he defaulted under the Kitts -- under the  
23 Winterfox loan, they threatened to record an illegal deed in  
24 foreclosure, and so he filed bankruptcy to stop it.

25 The actual damages in this case, Your Honor, if it's a



1 hard-money loan that the Court determines would have been  
2 available to the Debtor, is the difference between a 3  
3 percent origination fee and a, I think, 9 percent or 7  
4 percent origination fee that was in the documents.  
5 Sub-prime loan, the interest rate would have been between 8  
6 and 10 percent with origination fees between 1 and 2  
7 percent. I think that is evidence of actual damages in the  
8 case.

9 As to finance charges, Winterfox argues that there is  
10 no evidence of damages for finance charges paid because  
11 Mr. Kitts didn't pay any finance charges. Well, the  
12 settlement statements paint a different picture. Mr. Kitts  
13 paid \$87,500 in finance charges which are defined as or to  
14 include origination fees and broker fees. And the fact that  
15 he did not pay those out-of-pocket is really -- I don't  
16 understand that fact because -- or that argument because  
17 Mr. Kitts got the loan and then he paid the loan with -- he  
18 paid the origination fees with the proceeds of the loan that  
19 he got.

20 I don't think the Trustee argued about attorneys'  
21 fees -- or I don't think Mr. Jubber argued about attorneys'  
22 fees, so I won't address that issue. But based on -- on  
23 those facts, Your Honor, I believe that the Trustee has met  
24 his burden to overcome a motion for judgment on partial  
25 findings at this juncture of the trial.

1 THE COURT: All Right. Thank you, Counsel. I'm going  
2 to take the motion under advisement. We'll reconvene at  
3 1:30. We'll be in recess.

4 (Recess taken from 12:11 p.m. to 1:35 p.m.)

5 THE COURT: Are you ready to proceed? I'm sorry. I  
6 guess we don't know where we are. Mr. Affleck, is your  
7 witness here now?

8 MR. AFFLECK: Yes, Your Honor. I think we were  
9 interested in the Court's ruling on the Rule 52 Motion.

10 THE COURT: I took it under advisement. We're going  
11 forward with the --

12 MR. AFFLECK: Very well. I thought --

13 THE COURT: -- evidence.

14 MR. AFFLECK: I thought perhaps you were just taking it  
15 advisement over lunch.

16 THE COURT: No.

17 MR. AFFLECK: Thank you. May we check and see if  
18 Michelle Huggins is outside?

19 THE COURT: All right.

20 MR. AFFLECK: Also, Your Honor, Barbara Smith asked me  
21 to ask the Court's permission to have her released from this  
22 trial. I understand that she's under subpoena, or was under  
23 subpoena from Winterfox, and just wants to make sure that  
24 the Court is aware and releases her from that subpoena.

25 MS. BOULEY: Yes. That's fine, Your Honor. We had

1 notified her earlier today --

2 THE COURT: All right.

3 MS. BOULEY: -- that we wouldn't be calling here.

4 THE COURT: All right. If the parties are not going to  
5 use her, then she may be excused.

6 MR. MILLAR: The Trustee calls Michelle Huggins.

7 THE COURT: Ma'am, would you come forward and be sworn,  
8 please.

9 (The witness is sworn.)

10 THE CLERK: Please take the witness stand, and state  
11 your name and spell it.

12 THE WITNESS: Michelle Huggins. M-i-c-h-e-l-l-e,  
13 H-u-g-g-i-n-s.

14 **DIRECT EXAMINATION +**

15 **BY MR. MILLAR:**

16 Q. Good morning, Ms. Huggins. Or good afternoon.

17 A. Afternoon.

18 Q. I'd like you to turn to what has been marked  
19 Exhibit 59A, and the binder's there to your left.

20 Your Honor, may I approach the witness?

21 THE COURT: You may.

22 Q. (BY MR. MILLAR) Ms. Huggins, this is an exhibit  
23 that has been previously admitted into this -- into evidence  
24 in this case --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- and Mr. Plott, a representative of Wells Fargo,  
2 has previously testified that he, as the custodian of  
3 records of this document, sent this to Deer Creek Title in  
4 connection with the Brian Kitts loan, and, as you see there  
5 on the second page, it represents a payoff quote. It says  
6 the total payoff amount there, about the middle of the page  
7 \$330,421.45. Do you see where it says that?

8 A. Yes.

9 Q. I'd like you to keep your hand on that page,  
10 Ms. Huggins, and turn back to what is labeled or tabbed  
11 Exhibit 58. Just the prior exhibit. And on the second page  
12 of Exhibit 58 you can see, though it is fairly difficult,  
13 this document has also been admitted into evidence and  
14 represents a disbursement register produced by Deer Creek  
15 Title in connection with this --

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. -- these Brian Kitts loans. Do you see that?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Do you see where it says Wells Fargo Bank?

20 A. Yes, uh-huh.

21 Q. And can you read the amount there that's listed  
22 for --

23 A. I can.

24 Q. -- listed for Wells Fargo Bank --

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. -- that was disbursed to them.

2 A. \$330,583.34.

3 Q. And what would explain the difference between the  
4 Wells Fargo payoff quote that they sent to Deer Creek Title  
5 and what was actually disbursed to Wells Fargo Bank?

6 A. What could explain that is a difference in day's  
7 interest. The day of the settlement when people sign  
8 documents is not always the same day that we receive the  
9 wired funds from the new lender and are able to pay off the  
10 old lender. The funds need to be good and collected and in  
11 the bank before we can record documents according to state  
12 law. So what usually amounts to the difference in the  
13 disbursement check and the payoff is a consequence of a  
14 difference in interest.

15 Q. So any added funds paid to Wells Fargo Bank out of  
16 the proceeds of these loans would have been interest?

17 A. That's correct.

18 MR. MILLAR: No further questions, Your Honor.

19 MS. BOULEY: And, Your Honor, as I understand,  
20 Ms. Huggins is not feeling well today, and I just have a  
21 couple of questions for her, so I wonder if I can go ahead  
22 and get my questions done.

23 THE COURT: You're calling her as your witness --

24 MS. BOULEY: Yes.

25 THE COURT: -- is that it? Yes.

1 MS. BOULEY: Yes. Thank you.

2 DIRECT EXAMINATION +

3 BY MS. BOULEY:

4 Q. Good afternoon, Ms. Huggins.

5 A. Hello.

6 Q. Could you please turn to Exhibit 569. It's going  
7 to be in another one of the binders.

8 Your Honor, may I approach to help her with that?

9 THE COURT: You may.

10 MS. BOULEY: Thank you.

11 Q. If you could just take a look at the first three  
12 pages of Exhibit 569. They're marked DC 00013, DC 00014,  
13 and DC 00015.

14 A. Okay.

15 Q. Can you confirm that this is the settlement  
16 statement that was signed at the closing on December 8th of  
17 2004?

18 A. It looks like the settlement statement that -- I'm  
19 sure it is. I mean, it's got our marks from the file and  
20 everything, so yes.

21 Q. All right. And then do you know when the funds  
22 from this loan were disbursed?

23 A. I don't without looking. I don't recall without  
24 looking back at the disbursement sheet.

25 Q. I'm sorry. What?

1 A. I don't know what -- I don't recall. I'd have to  
2 look back at the disbursement sheet.

3 Q. All right. Could you turn to DC 00087.

4 A. Yes.

5 Q. And, also, we've got the second settlement  
6 statement that's marked DC 00016, DC 00017 and DC 00018  
7 right before that.

8 A. Uh-huh.

9 Q. And if you could please take a look at those and  
10 then let me know if you can tell us when -- when the loan  
11 proceeds were disbursed.

12 A. I -- it says the settlement date was the 30th and  
13 the disbursement date was the 31st; however, it doesn't say  
14 that on the first. So whether the funds didn't come in from  
15 the lender and what day it actually disbursed, I don't know  
16 without looking at the dates that the checks were issued,  
17 and I don't know if we sent copies of the -- looks like  
18 behind that there are copies of disbursement checks being  
19 wired out.

20 Without having the file in front of me, I can't  
21 tell because the disbursement sheet doesn't specify the date  
22 on it, and I don't have the file in front of me. So I'm --  
23 I can't tell by the information I have right here for sure  
24 what day it was disbursed.

25 Q. Okay. All right. Thank you. No further

1 questions.

2 MR. MILLAR: No further questions, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Ma'am, you may step down.

4 MR. MILLAR: Your Honor, we don't need Michelle Huggins  
5 for anything further. We'd ask that she can be excused.

6 MS. BOULEY: Yes, Your Honor. That's fine.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you for your testimony,  
8 ma'am. You're excused.

9 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

10 THE COURT: Do you have any other witnesses in your  
11 case in chief?

12 MR. AFFLECK: No, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: All right.

14 MR. JUBBER: Your Honor, we would call Kevin Bird.

15 THE COURT: Oh, and we would call him if we knew where  
16 he was.

17 MR. AFFLECK: Your Honor, may I be excused to find him?

18 THE COURT: Yes.

19 MR. JUBBER: Your Honor, may we proceed? I call Evan  
20 Bybee.

21 THE COURT: All right. Sir, would you come forward.

22 MR. MILLAR: Could we ask that we wait for Mr. Affleck  
23 to return to the courtroom.

24 THE COURT: He can come up here and be sworn at least.  
25 Sir, we'll swear you in again in the Defendant's case



1 in chief.

2 (The witness was sworn.)

3 THE CLERK: Please take the witness stand, and state  
4 your name for the record.

5 MR. JUBBER: May I proceed, Your Honor?

6 THE WITNESS: George Evan Bybee.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Millar, would you see if he's just  
8 stepped outside in the hall or where he's gone.

9 You may proceed.

10 MR. JUBBER: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 DIRECT EXAMINATION +

12 BY MR. JUBBER:

13 Q. Mr. Bybee, you have been in attendance since the  
14 beginning of these trial proceedings that were commenced  
15 last Tuesday, December 1st. Isn't that true?

16 A. That's correct.

17 Q. You were here when Mr. Brian Kitts testified?

18 A. That's correct.

19 Q. Did you listen into his entire testimony?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. Do you recall, toward the conclusion of his  
22 examination by Mr. Affleck, he was asked if he had ever met  
23 you prior to the commencement of this trial. Do you recall  
24 that?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. And he responded that you had met once before at  
2 the property. Do you recall that?

3 A. Correct.

4 Q. Do you recall that meeting?

5 A. Correct.

6 Q. Did it take place?

7 A. It did.

8 Q. Were you there?

9 A. I was.

10 Q. Do you recall approximately when that meeting  
11 would have taken place?

12 A. It had to be in the Christmas time frame of '07.

13 Q. Okay. Do you recall Mr. Kitts stating that at  
14 that meeting you -- you introduced yourself as one Alan  
15 Ross?

16 A. I heard him say that, yes.

17 Q. Do you recall that, hearing that testimony?

18 A. Yes.

19 Q. Did you, in fact, introduce yourself as Alan Ross  
20 at that meeting?

21 A. No, I did not.

22 Q. How did you introduce yourself?

23 A. As George Bybee.

24 Q. Have you ever used the name Alan Ross as a  
25 fictitious name?

1 A. Never heard of it before.

2 Q. Sorry?

3 A. Never heard of it before.

4 Q. You've never used the name as a fictitious name or  
5 alias.

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. Have you at any time ever used any fictitious name  
8 or alias?

9 A. No, sir.

10 Q. What was your intention in going to the property  
11 that day?

12 A. My friend, Mr. Romero, was up for the Christmas  
13 ski season and he was looking to buy some property, and I  
14 had taken him to some properties that a cousin of mine had  
15 built. He looked at that, said he wanted to look at some  
16 other properties, and I mentioned the property that  
17 Winterfox had an interest in, and he wanted to see that. So  
18 I took him up by the house.

19 The house is set down away from the road, and so  
20 to see it, I pulled down the driveway to the edge of the  
21 parking area. At that time someone walked out. I had never  
22 met Mr. Kitts before either, and so when we stepped out of  
23 our car, he came over and introduced himself as Brian Kitts.  
24 I introduced myself as George Bybee, and I introduced to him  
25 Ricardo Romero. In Mr. --

1 Q. Did you go to the property with the intention of  
2 meeting Mr. Kitts that day?

3 A. No, I did not.

4 Q. Did you introduce your friend to Mr. Kitts?

5 A. I did.

6 Q. Did Mr. Kitts say anything to your friend?

7 A. He did. They hit it off. Apparently Mr. Kitts  
8 owns a piece of property --

9 MR. AFFLECK: Objection. Hearsay and relevance.

10 MR. JUBBER: May I rephrase the question, Your Honor?

11 THE COURT: You may.

12 Q. (BY MR. JUBBER) Was there a conversation that  
13 ensued?

14 A. There was.

15 Q. Can you tell us what the substance of that  
16 conversation was.

17 MR. AFFLECK: Objection. Calls for hearsay and  
18 relevance.

19 THE COURT: What is the relevance, Counsel?

20 MR. JUBBER: Your Honor, the -- there was a  
21 conversation that ensued, and we believe that if permitted  
22 we could show that it relates to the credibility of  
23 Mr. Kitts.

24 THE COURT: All right. Then it's a statement Mr. Kitts  
25 made who was a party, so the objection's overruled.

1 THE WITNESS: Mr. Kitts and Mr. Romero shared an  
2 interest in property in Mexico. Mr. Kitts related that he  
3 had a piece of property that he had owned for several years  
4 in Banos de Hualtuco which is near Acapulco. Mr. Romero  
5 owns property in Acapulco, and Mr. Kitts described to him  
6 that he had some various and sundry problems with his  
7 property, and since Mr. Romero introduced himself as a  
8 licenciado, which is a lawyer, he talked a little bit about  
9 that property and the problems he was having with that  
10 property.

11 Q. (BY MR. JUBBER) With Mr. Kitts' property in  
12 Mexico?

13 A. That's correct.

14 Q. And Mr. Kitts and Mr. Romero did not own property  
15 together?

16 A. No, sir.

17 Q. They each owned -- each own separate pieces  
18 of property --

19 A. Mr. Romero owns his property in Acapulco, and  
20 Mr. Kitts related that he owned his property in Banos de  
21 Hualtuco.

22 Q. Okay. Did Aaron Olivarez have authority to bind  
23 Winterfox without your permission?

24 A. No, sir.

25 MR. AFFLECK: Objection. Calls for a legal conclusion.

1 MR. JUBBER: That doesn't -- that doesn't call for a  
2 legal conclusion. It calls for Mr. -- Mr. Bybee's  
3 understanding of what Mr. Olivarez's authority was.

4 THE COURT: The objection's overruled.

5 THE WITNESS: No, he did not.

6 Q. (BY MR. JUBBER) Now, you were asked about a loan  
7 application. Do you recall that?

8 A. I was.

9 Q. Okay. Have you ever seen the loan -- a loan  
10 application in connection with this matter?

11 A. No, sir.

12 Q. If you had a copy of a loan application, would you  
13 have produced it?

14 A. Of course.

15 Q. Did Tom Adams have some of the loan documents?

16 MR. AFFLECK: Objection. Foundation.

17 THE WITNESS: He did.

18 THE COURT: Sustained.

19 Q. (BY MR. JUBBER) Do you know who had some of the  
20 loan documents after -- after the loan was -- after the loan  
21 was made?

22 A. Mr. Olivarez was to give a copy of the loan  
23 documents to Mr. Tom Adams.

24 Q. Is Mr. Adams now deceased?

25 A. He is.

1 MR. JUBBER: Thank you, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Examination for this witness?

3 CROSS EXAMINATION +

4 BY MR. AFFLECK:

5 Q. Mr. Bybee, when you visited Mr. Kitts' home, is it  
6 your testimony that you introduced yourself as Evan Bybee?

7 A. I introduced myself as George Bybee.

8 Q. As George Bybee. And did you explain to Mr. Kitts  
9 your relationship with Winterfox?

10 A. No, I did not.

11 Q. Is there a reason for that?

12 A. It was not asked. And I didn't expect to stay  
13 there. We were just parked at the edge of his property.

14 Q. And you were visiting the property after  
15 Mr. Kitts' default on the loan. Right?

16 A. Yes, sir.

17 Q. And after he had filed bankruptcy. Right?

18 A. Yes, sir.

19 Q. You say that Aaron Olivarez did not have authority  
20 to bind Winterfox?

21 A. No, sir.

22 Q. Did it have -- did he have authority to create  
23 loan documents for Winterfox?

24 A. He had authority to get the documents prepared for  
25 the signing.

1 Q. Did he have authority to negotiate the loan terms  
2 for Winterfox?

3 A. He had the authority to prepare and negotiate  
4 terms for my -- to present to me.

5 Q. Did he have authority to do a site visit and  
6 determine the value of the property for Winterfox?

7 A. He did. He was to review all of the pertinent  
8 issues and bring the options to me.

9 Q. Did he have authority to obtain or work with a  
10 title company to get title insurance for the property?

11 A. He did. He was to prepare all documents to get --  
12 or prepare all options to present to me.

13 Q. So the only thing he didn't have authority to do  
14 was to sign the bottom -- sign the dotted line, so to speak.  
15 Is that right?

16 A. And disburse funds, correct, uh-huh.

17 Q. Wasn't it Aaron Olivarez who -- so is it your  
18 testimony that Aaron Olivarez did not have authority to give  
19 instructions to Deer Creek Title on how to disburse the loan  
20 funds to Michael Falk, Heritage Prescott, and Winterfox?

21 A. I was unaware of the Heritage Prescott  
22 disbursement of funds.

23 Q. So is the money that Winterfox received from the  
24 loan proceeds, \$62,500, was that an unauthorized  
25 distribution?



1 A. No, sir.

2 Q. So Winterfox did authorize that?

3 A. No. What I'm saying is I didn't understand  
4 anything about the distribution of the 25,000 to Mr. --

5 Q. But you didn't -- at some point you found out  
6 about the \$25,000?

7 A. I found out about it later.

8 Q. And you --

9 A. That's correct.

10 Q. And as Winterfox's manager, you didn't object to  
11 it, did you?

12 A. We're talking about years later. It was --

13 Q. So you object to it now?

14 A. -- water under the bridge.

15 Q. Are you -- have you objected to it now?

16 A. I --

17 Q. Have you asked for return of the --

18 A. Again, the money was disbursed a long time ago.

19 Q. Have you asked --

20 A. Mr. Olivarez owed me other monies, and I simply  
21 let it go under the bridge.

22 Q. I see. No further questions, Your Honor.

23 MR. JUBBER: Nothing further, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Sir, you may step down.

25 MR. JUBBER: All right. We would call, again,

1 Mr. Kevin Bird.

2 THE COURT: Mr. Bird. Would you come forward. You  
3 remain under oath.

4 DIRECT EXAMINATION +

5 BY MR. JUBBER:

6 Q. Mr. Bird, as of April of this year when your  
7 deposition was taken, you were still asserting a claim for  
8 rescission in this adversary proceeding. Isn't that  
9 correct?

10 A. Yes. I think it was dismissed after that point.

11 Q. Okay. Do you recall when it was dismissed?

12 A. No. There was discussion this morning as to  
13 whether that was in June of -- of that year, but I don't  
14 know for sure.

15 Q. Okay. I'll represent to you it was on June 25th,  
16 2009. Does that --

17 A. Okay.

18 Q. Does that sound correct?

19 A. I would -- I wouldn't have any reason to dispute.

20 Q. Okay. And do you -- your deposition was taken  
21 back on April 30th. Is that right?

22 A. I don't recall. I'm sorry.

23 MR. JUBBER: May I approach the witness, Your Honor?

24 THE COURT: You may.

25 Q. (BY MR. JUBBER) Showing you a copy of your